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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review of the Application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of Claim 21 by the Examiner is further acknowledged and appreciated.

The indication by the Examiner that Claims 3, 4, 9, 10, 13, 14 and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims is further acknowledged and appreciated.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 1-2, 5-are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zheng in view of Boyers et al '484.

Claims 1-2 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Claim 5 has been amended to change its dependency from Claim 1 to Claim 3.

Claim 3 has been amended by rewritten into independent form to include all of the limitations of the independent Claim 1 as suggested by the Examiner. The newly amended independent Claim 3 is therefore allowable, as indicated by the Examiner. Claim 5, depends on

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Claim 3, is therefore likewise allowable. A reconsideration for allowance of Claim 5 under 35 USC §103(a) based on Zheng and Boyers is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Dependent Claim 13 has been amended into independent form by incorporating all of the limitations of independent Claim 11, which is cancelled as a result. The newly amended Independent Claim 13 is therefore in an allowable form as suggested by the Examiner. A reconsideration for allowance of Claim 13 is respectfully requested of the Examiner. The dependencies of Claims 12, 14 and 15 have been changed to the newly amended independent Claim 13, and therefore are likewise allowable. A reconsideration for allowance of these claims is respectfully requested of the Examiner.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending Claims i.e. Claims 3-10 and 12-20 are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable consideration by the Examiner together with the passage to issuance of the allowed Claim 21 is respectfully solicited from the Examiner.

In the event that the present invention is not in a condition for allowance for any other reasons, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted

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